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In re Application of	:	
Sheng (Ted) Tai Tsao	:	
Application No. 10/726,897	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: December 4, 2003	:	
Attorney Docket No.	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed February 27, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (Notice), mailed March 5, 2004 and re-mailed December 13, 2004. The Notice set a period for reply of two (2) months from the mail date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on February 14, 2005.

This application has been abandoned for an extended period of time. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is relying on petitioner's duty of candor and good faith and accepting the statement that "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional." See Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure, 62 Fed. Reg., at 53160 and 53178; 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office, at 88 and 103 (responses to comments 64 and 109) (applicant obligated under 37 CFR 10.18 to inquire into the underlying facts and circumstances when providing the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b) to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office).

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a reply, (2) the petition fee of \$770, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at (571) 272-1642.

This application is being referred to the Office of Patent Application Papers for processing of the reply previously filed January 18, 2005.

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